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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The wife of Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, died suddenly yesterday of heart disease. —— The summing up of the results of the terrible wreck on the B. & O. railroad shows a total dead list of sixty-four and nine injured. —— Great Britain has formally recognized the republic of Panama. —— Col. J. N. Taylor, a prominent lawyer, was killed by a railroad train at Plant City, Fla. —— Col. John Beatty and wife, of Bartow, Fla., were shot from ambush by a negro; both were severely hurt. —— "Parsifal" was produced at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, yesterday before an immense audience. —— Man arrested in Chicago confessed to having attempted to enforce demands for large sums of money from various prominent men. —— Senator Clay, of Georgia, says the honor of the United States must be preserved in ratifying any treaty with Panama. —— Another bull pool in cotton is said to have been formed in New Orleans. —— A Berlin dispatch says that a peaceful solution of the Russo-Japanese question is now highly probable. —— U. S. warship has been ordered to Chemulpo, Corea. —— Negro man seriously injured in a fight with another negro, at Tarboro, N. C. —— New telephone company chartered in Raleigh. —— Argument in the U. S. court at Charleston, S. C., for the appointment of a receiver for the Olympia cotton mills was concluded and the case taken under advisement by the judges. —— New York markets: Money on call was steady at 3½@4 per cent.; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet; cotton quiet at 13.70c.; flour dull and firmly held; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 94½c.; corn—spot firm, No. 2 51½c.; oats—spot firm, No. 2 42½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 24.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 40 degrees; 8 P. M., 59 degrees: maximum, 62 degrees: minimum, 35 degrees: mean, 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, trace; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.37 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—For North Carolina: Rain Friday, Saturday colder and fair except rain on the coast, fresh southwest winds becoming variable.

Port Almanac—December 25.

Sun Rises	7.09 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.51 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 42 M.
High Water at Southport	12.00 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	2.30 P. M.

San Domingo next. There must be "something doing" all the time.

Clubs are trumps in Panama now; but it will not be long before spades will be the winning cards.

A turkey is undressed when it has its clothes on, and dressed when it is naked. Funny, isn't it?

Three hundred Moros killed and five Americans wounded. And this is what they call "war in the Philippines."

It is an "infant republic," for a fact. The population of Panama about equals that of the city of Baltimore.

The fire on Gen. Leonard Wood has become so hot that he has found it necessary to order a uniform made of asbestos.

In the recent election in Iowa Weller, the Populist candidate for Governor, polled 552 votes. Well, well, Waller!

In extenuation of the crime of incubating the republic of Panama the President may plead that it "was a mighty little one."

If you are uncertain as what to give the old man for a Christmas present, be sure not to decide to give him a piece of your mind.

The Democrats will not "kick against the pricks;" but they will never indorse the methods of our government in the Panama secession.

And still they tell us that the Seaboard Air Line is an "independent" system. Well, let it go at that. Anyhow, we are glad old Sal. has been relieved of her financial embarrassments.

The newspapers have been saying a great deal about grafting another man's ear on the head of a Western millionaire; but not the faintest whisper has reached the ears of an expectant public as to how the millionaire lost his aural appendage.

The Washington *Post* says: "The combined weight of five players in Dartmouth college football team is nearly 1,100 pounds. That team ought to do well on momentum plays." Yes, and it ought to do well in administering crushing defeats, too.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

The Streets Crowded With Shoppers All Day Yesterday and Last Night. Big Trade.

The streets were crowded yesterday and last night till midnight with a moving throng of Christmas shoppers. the stores did a tremendous business and the merchants say the Christmas trade has been the biggest in the history of Wilmington.

Both the express and postoffices have done a tremendous business in receiving and sending off packages. The big express wagons were weighted down in their constant trip, and the letter carriers on their delivering trips were loaded down with Christmas packages of every description.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Other local, fourth page.

—British steamer "Anglo-Saxon," hence for Bremen, arrived out Dec 21.

—The next issue of THE MORNING STAR will be on Sunday, December 27th.

— Fifteen extra policemen were sworn in last night for duty during the holidays.

— Quite a number of Southport people came up on the steamer "Wilmington" yesterday to do their Christmas shopping.

—A number of holes in the Castle Haynes road, between Fourth street and the railroad crossing especially, need filling in.

— On account of the Christmas holidays, the Chamber of Commerce will be closed from to-day until Monday morning.

— The Christmas entertainment of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will take place next Tuesday night at the lecture room.

— The Christmas tree exercises of the Sunday school of Bladen Street M. E. church will take place this evening at 6 o'clock at the church.

— The quotation for spot cotton posted at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday was firm at 12¾ cents. Prices are nearing the 13-cent mark.

— Up to midnight last night the policemen had made 21 arrests. The causes were disorderly conduct and drunk and down, but none of the cases were of any importance.

—At Bladen Street M. E. Church, South, on next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Mr. T. C. Ellers, of Trinity High School, Durham, will conduct the services. Presiding Elder R. B. John will preach at 7:30 P. M.

— Yesterday at the saw mill of the Pittsburg Lumber Company a negro laborer by the name of Wilson, aged 35 years, got his left hand lacerated by a saw. He was given attention at the James Walker Memorial Hospital.

— Four miles of the Scott's Hill or Market street macadam road have been completed. There are now 100 convicts doing road service. Eleven are working on the Scott's Hill road, and the others are employed at the rock quarry at Castle Haynes.

— Big crowds of people came to the city yesterday from Delgado and Wrightsville to do their Christmas shopping. The Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company ran out a special car at 10 o'clock last night to take some of the shoppers back home.

— The Howard Relief Company's grand ball and banquet on the occasion of celebrating the opening of the company's handsome new club house, at Front and Ann streets, will be the biggest affair of the kind the Howard's have ever had. It will take place on New Year's night.

—The city's white elephant, otherwise known as the road roller, was moved up a bit yesterday from its place of break-down in front of the City Hall. Mr. William Sellers, the well known engineer, succeeded in moving the ponderous machine a distance of twenty feet under its own steam.

— The Clarendon Waterworks Company has the STAR'S thanks for a neat 1904 calendar. The art scheme is a lithograph picture of a beautiful woman, and on the back is a list of the fire-alarm boxes, location of the engine and truck houses, and a list of the officers and committee of the fire department.

Among the Shipping.

The schooner "Eliza A. Scribner," Captain Dodd, arrived in port yesterday from New York with a cargo of fertilizer material for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company.

The schooner "Herald," which has discharged her cargo of material for the government, at Fort Caswell, towed up to the city yesterday. She will take on a cargo of lumber at the Cape Fear Lumber Company's mill.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—In bankruptcy.
Stone & Co.—Pecan nuts.
D. L. Gore Co.—To our trade.
Board of Aldermen—Special meet'g.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Brown setter.
Young Ladies—Want positions.

— Our old friend Mr. S. S. Satchwell, who has a position in the transportation service of the United States War Department, with headquarters at Philadelphia, is in Wilmington to spend the holidays with relatives. His numerous friends are glad to see him.

EX-GOV. RUSSELL.

He Makes a Statement in Regard to the Wilmington Postoffice Contest.

HIS LATE NEGRO INTERVIEW.

Mrs Russell Was Recommended for Postmaster Without His Solicitation. Says the Washington Post Interview Misquotes Him

The contention over the postmastership of Wilmington is attracting wide attention and is causing some feeling among the contestants and their friends.

As heretofore mentioned in THE STAR, former Governor D. L. Russell made a trip to Washington in behalf of Miss M. C. Darby, present postmaster, and who is an applicant for reappointment. It developed after his visit to Washington that the name of Mrs. Russell had been recommended as a compromise in the contest.

The turn which affairs took has caused considerable criticism of Governor Russell and the statement has been made that he suggested the name of Mrs. Russell, after having gone to Washington in behalf of Miss Darby. Governor Russell was asked about this charge yesterday by a STAR representative, and in reply he said:

"I was urging the appointment of Miss Darby. The chairman of the Republican State committee without my knowledge and without any thought or suggestion from myself or my wife, or from anyone in behalf of either of us, offered to recommend the appointment of Mrs. Russell. If the appointment should be tendered to Mrs. Russell by the President, she will decide whether she will accept it or not."

As yet the President has not tendered the appointment to Mrs. Russell. It is said there will be another applicant for the postmastership in the person of J. M. Forshee.

GOVERNOR RUSSELL'S NEGRO VIEWS

Recently when Governor Russell was in Washington on the postoffice matter, the Washington *Post* published what purported to be an interview with him on the negro question. The interview has been extensively copied and commented upon by papers in North Carolina and outside of the State, and has attracted considerable attention. Speaking with reference to that interview, THE STAR representative inquired of him if he was correctly reported.

WAS MISQUOTED.

The Governor replied as follows:

"I did not authorize any interview at all. My old friend, Mr. Smith, of the Washington *Post*, happened to meet me in the Ebbitt House in Washington, and the conversation drifted into a sort of loose discussion of the negro question. I did not know that Mr. Smith intended to print what I said; he took no notes or anything of the sort. We talked of other matters besides the negro question.

"Some days after that my attention was called to what he had written for the Washington *Post* about my talk with him. He evidently wrote it up from memory and did not get it precisely correct. I think it appeared in the Washington *Post* several days after our talk. The most of it is about what I did say, but one or two expressions are incorrectly attributed to me, and from this an effort has been made to make it appear that I said that any negro who was industrious and who acquired any property was likely to be assassinated in the South. I said no such thing.

"The substance of what I did say was that the negro as a race was destined to occupy a position of subordination and inferiority in this country both North and South, and that as a people they would be more happy by accepting this fact. I said that there would be neither in the North or South social equality or industrial equality; that industrial equality does not exist in the North because the negro is discriminated against, and that it will be so in the South whenever the negro comes in close competition with the labor of the white; and I did say that the Northern men who were giving large sums of money to Booker Washington to further his scheme of industrial education would discover that in the long run this would be no solution to the negro problem. This is the whole substance of what I said.

"Mr. Smith did not mean to report me incorrectly and in the main he did not do so. I had no idea that I was saying anything that would attract the attention of the public nor indeed did I know that I was talking to the public, because I did not know that I was being interviewed for that purpose."

Happy Messenger Boys.

The messenger boys of the Postal Cable-Telegraph Company were a happy lot last night. Each received a nice, warm pair of gloves with the compliments of Mr. Clarence H. Mackley, of New York, president of the company. The boys request The STAR to express their high appreciation of the gifts.

President Rockley sent gloves to all the company's messenger boys throughout the United States and it was a very thoughtful and kind act to remember the young hustlers.

Aldermen to Consider Liquor Licenses.

By reference to an official notice in the advertising columns of this morning's STAR, it will be seen that Mayor W. E. Springer calls a meeting of the Board of Aldermen to be held at 8 o'clock next Monday night. The meeting is for the purpose of considering applications for license to sell liquor for the six months beginning January 1st.

Don't forget to take a look as you pass by the window and see the assortment of appropriate Xmas presents at J. T. Burke's, The Jeweller. †

Ladies' and Gents' solid gold and gold filled watches. J. T. Burke, Jeweller, No. 27 South Front street. †

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Carols to be Sung This Morning from the Tower of St. James' Church—Fine Music at St Johns.

The usual custom of singing carols in the tower of St James' church will be carried out by the children early this morning. The Rev. Dr. Hogue will conduct Christmas services this morning.

At St. John's Episcopal church the holy communion will be celebrated this morning at 8 o'clock. There will be morning prayer at 11 A. M. Seats free and strangers cordially invited.

At 11 o'clock this morning there will be services by the Rev. Henry W. A. Hanson at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, corner Sixth and Market streets. All are most cordially invited.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

A 11 o'clock, this morning at St. John's church the following music programme will be rendered:

Processional Hymn No. 58. "Avison."
Venite in A flat.....Stainer.
Gloriae in C.....Munson.
Tedeum in A.....Buck.
Jubilate in A.....Schnecker.
Introit Hymn No. 56.....Fuller.
Kyrie in F.....Tours.
Gloria Tibi.....Hodges.
Postal Hymn No. 61.....Geer.
Offertory. There were Shepherds.....Reed.

The choir will be assisted by Mrs. J. D. Edwards, Miss Mattie Lee Horne, Miss Mildred Davis, Mr. Brooke French and Mr. H. E. O'Keefe. Mr. E. H. Munson will preside at the organ.

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Christmas Catastrophe on Market Street Yesterday—One Jug Less.

Yesterday morning while Christmas shoppers were thick on Market street, a country was in the throng that was wending its way along, each holding to a package that evidently had the label of Christ Nick. The countryman, however, was carrying a half gallon of booze, and when near C. W. Yates & Co.'s bookstore an accident befell him that took all the joyous holiday look out of his face.

In shifting his hold on the jug, he let slip of the handle and down went the jug to the stone pavement. The jug was broken to flinders and the liquid Christmas splashed all over the pavement and gave out an odor that was unmistakable.

The happy look on the man's face changed with the fall of the jug and such a look of dismay spread over his countenance as to make the hard hearted people laugh in spite of themselves. This was one time when the "before taking" and "after taking" picture were reversed, and judging from the man's blank expression he had blankety blank thoughts, even if he was mute over his misfortune, or good fortune, as you may think of it.

FROM HONG KONG.

Mr. John W. Bolles and Wife Here to Spend the Holidays With Relatives.

Our former townsman, Mr. John W. Bolles, who has for several years been manager for the Standard Oil Company, at Hong KongChina, arrived in the city Wednesday evening. Mrs. Bolles arrived a fortnight ago and they will be in Wilmington for three or four weeks.

Mr. Bolles left Hong Kong, October 13th and arrived in New York on Thanksgiving Day on the ocean liner Cedric. He came by way of the Russian railways through Manchuria and Siberia, and had a most interesting trip.

The Philippine Islands are in the territory which Mr. Bolles manages for the Standard Oil Company. He will return to Hong Kong about the first of February.

Christmas Eve Wedding.

Mr. Robtert Lee Merritt and Miss Docia E. Cowan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris O. Cowan, of this city, were happily married last night at the residence of the bride's parents in Brooklyn. It was a quiet home wedding, but the parlor was beautifully decorated with holly and other greens and potted plants. The Rev. G. B. Webster, pastor of Bladen Street M. E. Church, performed the ceremony, and a few friends were present to witness the joyous union.

The bride is a most attractive and popular young lady, and Mr. Merritt is a most estimable young gentleman, who is employed at the plant of the Pittsburg Lumber Company.

The couple will leave this morning at 9:30 o'clock on the Atlantic Coast Line for a visit to Mr. Merritt's parents at Clinton, N. C.

Last of Steamers to be Inspected.

Our townsman, Mr. F. B. Rice, government inspector of hulls, with headquarters at Charleston, is in the city to spend the holidays with his family.

On the 29th instant, Captain Borden, inspector of boilers, will join him here and they will inspect the steamer "City of Fayetteville." This is the last of the Wilmington fleet of steamers to be inspected this year.

The Deadly Toy Pistol.

The first toy pistol accident of Christmas occurred yesterday, when Henry Little, an 11-year-old white boy, shot himself in the hand. He was taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where his wound was dressed by Dr. Akerman. Fortunately the wound was a superficial one.

Notice the window at J. T. Burke's, The Jeweller. †

TALK OF AIR SHIPS.

Have the People of the Planets Been Sailing Over Our Earth.

A MYSTERIOUS MOVEMENT.

The Successful Experiments With an Air Ship at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina—The Inventors Elude Prying Newspaper Reporters.

So much talk of air ships lately recalls the stories telegraphed all over the world a few years ago from many cities North, East, South and West concerning air ships that people saw at great heights passing over the various cities.

It is a fact that a great many communities were greatly excited over these real or phantom air ships, and it will be remembered that the stories called for many columns of space in the newspapers. It will not be forgotten, furthermore, that Wilmington also had her air ship excitement. This writer heard people declare they saw the lights and rigging of these air ships as they passed over, and strange to say, they generally sailed by night.

What were these air ships or strange phenomena that the people saw? It was not Prof. Langley's flying machine, to be sure, but we heard a well informed gentleman of Wilmington say that he believed they were genuine air ships. He also advanced the theory that they were probably the air ships of other planets than our own; that the aerial navigators were out in space to see what they could discover; that they came close enough to our earth to see our country and cities, and that this earth was inhabited, but, doubtless from fear, they never landed. Who knows but what the inhabitants of Mars or some other planet has gotten ahead of us in producing air ships or machines that will fly safely throughout the space of worlds? If these air ship people from the other worlds had landed on our earth, they would have made a discovery greater and more astounding than that of Columbus when he discovered America and found what he supposed to be a New World, inhabited by a strange people, now known to us as the American Indian.

The airships which were said to have been seen passing over Wilmington were reputed at the time to have come from the furtherest eastern coast of North Carolina. Who knows but what it was the airship of Orville and Wilbur Wright, the Ohio men, who got way over on the uninhabited coast region to experiment with their invention? They, however, got caught up with last Thursday at Kitty Hawk, N. C., as has been mentioned in the Associated Press dispatches. The dispatches stated that their dirigible airship, or flying machine, sailed successfully for three miles against a stiff gale.

Perhaps the Wright brothers did not want anybody to find out what they were doing, and instead of flying three miles, as some one discovered, they may have just gotten in from a trip from away in the regions of space. They have certainly acted mysteriously about their airship, and, although they have met with what appears to be success, they have been giving the newspaper men the dodge.

We pause in this aerial flight, with no promise to let the matter drop where it is or to take it up at some future time, just here to give space to the following which we find in the Norfolk *Virginia-Pilot* of Tuesday:

"This morning at daybreak, Orville and Wilbur Wright, the Ohio brothers, who made a successful experiment with their airship at Kitty Hawk, N. C., last Thursday, will leave for their home to spend the Christmas holidays with their relatives.

"With the hope of attracting little attention and avoiding meeting newspaper correspondents, the inventors have chosen a roundabout way to make the trip from Kitty Hawk to Norfolk. They will attempt to cross the dangerous Albemarle sound in an open sail boat, reach Elizabeth City and board a train there for this city. The proposed trip is fraught with many dangers, especially at this time.

"A fierce storm has been raging for several days on the Carolina coast, but the Wrights determined to eat their Christmas dinner at their Ohio home, have decided to brave the storm and hope to reach the city on the Pasquotank in their little boat safely.

"The inventors are said to have disguised their personal appearance and hope to be able to pass the Norfolk reporters without being recognized.

"No one has been able, so far, to obtain an interview with the airship men, and it is hardly possible that they will agree to talk for publication before they return from their visit to their home in Dayton."

Real Estate Transactions.

At the office of the Register of Deeds yesterday the following transfers of real estate were made:

From John E. Greer and wife to William Tharp, for $600, a lot 23x165 feet, at the intersection of Fourth and Wright streets.

From William and O. J. Wescott to Walker Taylor, a lot 66x134 feet, on Church street near Second; consideration $2,900.

Christmas Marriage Licenses.

Yesterday the Register of Deeds issued marriage licenses to the following couples: Mr. Moody Ellis, Miss Lula R. Rowan, daughter of Mr. Samuel J. Rowan; Mr. Joseph M. Hewett, Miss Mollie Elizabeth Dudley, daughter of Mrs. John Hawley; Mr. Joseph J. Rackley, Miss Mary J. Cumber; Mr. Robert Lee Marritt, Miss Docia E. Cowan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris O. Cowan.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Miss Rosa Murphy went to Fayetteville yesterday.

— Mr. Champ McD. Davis has arrived home from Baltimore.

— Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bryant, of Lumber, S. C., are in the city on a visit.

— Mr. R. J. Berger is back home from the A. C. L. hospital at Rocky Mount.

— Dr. W. H. Crowell, wife and children, of Burgaw, were in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Charles Elliott arrived in the city Wednesday evening from Baltimore.

— Miss Nannie Holladay has arrived home from Converse College, Spartanburg.

— Misses Mashon and Kimball are visiting Miss Hall at Ninth and Princess street.

— Mr. Frederick K. Cooke, of Wake Forest, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

— Miss Cattie Glisson, of Point Caswell, is visiting her sisters, Mrs. McEvans and Mrs. Pate.

— Mr. John J. Blair, superintendent of city schools, has gone to High Point to visit his mother.

— Miss Gertrude Bryan went to Scott's Hill yesterday to spend the holidays with her parents.

— Mr. Louis Hatch arrived from Fayetteville Wednesday night to spend Christmas in the city.

— Miss Callie Sale Hardwick got home yesterday from the State Normal College, Greensboro.

— Commandant Phelps, U. S. A., retired, now at the A. & M. College, went to Southport yesterday.

— Master Theodore Smallbones has come home from Chocowinity to spend the holidays with his parents.

— Mrs. Earle and Miss Earle, of Richmond, Va., are guests of Mrs. Dunn, at Seventh and Princess streets.

— Mr. and Mrs. Ernest N. Farrior are here, spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. M. Y. McKoy.

— Mr. J. W. Rivenbark, salesman for Messrs. S. & B. Solomon, left yesterday for Burgaw to spend the holidays.

— Our former townsman, Mr. Chas. H. Robinson, Jr., of Atlanta, is among the Christmas arrivals in the city.

— Mr. F. A. Wood, of Camden Crossing, S. C., is in the city, visiting his mother, Mrs. E. A. Silva, and his brothers.

— Mr. D. S. D. McKeithan, who has been ill with typhoid fever at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, is again able to be out.

— Mr. J. E. Thompson, city editor of The STAR, left yesterday to spend the holidays in Robeson and Anson counties.

— Mrs. F. H. Jones and children, of Charlotte, are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Smith.

— Mr. Ernest W. Black, the popular clerk at the STAR office, will spend his holiday vacation at his home at Point Caswell.

—Mr. J. Love Davis, who has been spending some months near Fernandina, arrived here yesterday to spend the holidays.

— Mr. Thos. Ellers, of Trinity College, who is studying for the ministry, is visiting relatives and friends during the Xmas holidays.

— Misses Nellie H. Fowler and Ella Jacobs have come home from the State Normal College, Greensboro, to spend the holidays with their parents.

— Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the chair of pedagogy, North Carolina State University, has arrived in the city to spend a few days with relatives.

— Mr. W. S. McDuffy, of Mobile, Ala., passed through the city yesterday morning on his way to Point Caswell to spend Christmas with his mother.

— Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gray and their little son, John Springer Gray, of Richmond, Va., are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Gray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Springer.

— Mrs. Almira Gordon and Miss Bettie Gordon, of Chapel Hill, and Mr. Willie Gordon, a tutor in the State University, are here to spend the holidays with Mr. J. C. Stevenson.

— Mr. Fred Bonitz, has returned to the city from Newbern and other cities where he has been superintending the construction of buildings for the Standard Oil Company.

— Mrs. A. J. Fordham and Miss Katharine Wooten, of Kinston, and Mrs. G. D. Pugh and little daughter, Lois, of Florence, are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. T. W. Wood, 408 North Front street.

— Mrs. Mary Glisson, of Point Caswell, who has reached the age of 84 years, is here, spending Xmas with her daughters, Mrs. McEvans, 817 North Third street, and Mrs. Pate, on Third and Brunswick streets.

— Miss Rosa V. Meredith, one of Wilmington's popular and accomplished young ladies, who has been attending the State Normal, at Greensboro, has returned home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Meredith, Second and Grace streets.

DIED.

LIPPITT—At the James Walker Memorial Hospital on the night of Thursday, December 24, 1903, JOSEPH LIPPITT, in the 42nd year of his age.

Services for the burial of the dead at 10 A. M. Saturday. Interment at Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

283 NEW CLOAKS!

We Are Receiving Daily New Cloaks.

Will have to arrive this week 283 all styles.

No. 331, a lady's Coat, made of the best material, full military finish, long Cape, all colors, at $6.98; they have been $10. Our best Coats $6.50. Same Coat, full Silk lined, latest style $12.50 in all colors. Some stores selling them for $20.

No. 381, Black and light Chocolate or Castor Coat, best goods, without Cape at $5.98; has been selling at $8.

No. 461, A good Coat in latest style at $2.98. We have the box or light back and will guarantee to save you from $2 to $6 on a Coat. I also have a full line of Misses long Coats from 65c to $6.75 each.

Don't forget our 69c Kid Gloves; they are the same other stores charge you $1 and $1.50 for.

MILLINERY.

Our fine Pattern Hats will go at Cost; $10 Hats $7, and $8 Hats for $5, and $5 Hats for $3.50, $16 Hats for $10. Our ready to wear Hats that were $3.75; all reduced to $1.50.

Misses' and Children's Hats that was $1.75 now 75c.

A new line of very fine Furs, something fine for Christmas presents, $1.95, $3.50, $5, $6 and $8.

A new lot of wide Lace Collars $39c, $1, $1.50, $2; the collar with stole effect, Batenburg work; come nearly to waist, for $2.50.

A new lot of fine Skirts to arrive Tuesday, December 15th.

Waist, Stock Collars, Silk Mufflers.

PARIS MILLINERY EMPORIUM,
129 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.,
Next to Bonitz Hotel.
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THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.,

No, 9 North Front Street.

From now till Christmas, it's only a few days, but each one of them is worth any two days of merchandizing.

All the great holiday stocks must be disposed of. The Books, the Dolls, the Toys, the Games, all the great host of fancy articles are to be sold. We carry nothing over.

Great crowds daily visit the store. Still greater crowds will follow. There's reason for it, and there's reason in it. Every counter and shelf is laden with these reasons.

Make this store the base of your holiday supplies and see how satisfactorily you will be served.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.
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For Christmas Sale.

50 Dozen Trefousse Kid Gloves $1.00 per pair.
200 Dozen Handkerchiefs, all kinds.
10 Dozen Lace Collars, 75 cents to $5.00.
35 Pieces Fur, reasonable.
10 Dozen Dolls, 25 cents to $3.50.
30 Dozen Umbrellas, $1.00 to $8.00.
45 Dozen Gent's Ties, Hose, Collars and Cuffs.
15 Dozen Pictures, 25c up.
Also Picture Frames, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Muff Sets for Children, Purses and Bags, Leather and Silk Belts, &c., &c.

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TO OUR TRADE.

We thank each and every one for their liberal Patronage during this year, 1903, and we earnestly solicit a larger share of your trade during 1904.

Our facilities are unequalled, and our capital ample to serve you, large or small.

Wishing each and every one a merry Xmas and a very prosperous nineteen hundred and four. Yours, truly,

D. L. GORE CO.,
Wholesale Grocers and Importers,
118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125 North Water St., Wilmington, N. C.
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Christmas is Near at Hand

And we are waiting and ready to supply your wants in all kinds of

Pretty Slippers and Shoes,

as well as Leggins and Over-gaiters. See us for any foot wants, be they large or small.

Geo. R. French & Sons.
Our Store will be open after night this week. dec 20 tf

Pecan Nuts.

Home grown thin shell Nuts 15c per pound.
Fox River Butter, 5 pound Pails, 30 cents.
Fox River Butter 30 pound Pails.
Heart's best Butter.
Heart's little favorite Cheese.
Cracked Corn.
Virginia Water Ground Meal.
Pearl Grits.
Hoop Iron.
Spirit Barrels.
300 Kegs Mullets.

STONE & COMPANY,
dec 15 tf 5 and 7 South Water Street.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held Monday, December 28, at 8 P. M., for the purpose of acting on applications for license to sell liquor.

WM. E. SPRINGER,
dec 25 2t Mayor.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

ONE WEEK.
Beginning Monday, Dec. 28th.
Return of Wilmington's favorite,
MABEL PAIGE,
and an excellent company.
5.....Big Vaudeville Acts.....5
MONDAY NIGHT,
"THE PRINCESS OF PATCHES."
Prices—10, 20 and 30 cents.
dec 24 2t

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Eastern District of North Carolina. In the matter of Johnson & Howard, bankrupts. In Bankruptcy. To the creditors of Johnson & Howard (Edwin E. Johnson and Carl H. Howard), of Rennert, in the county of Robeson, in said district, bankrupts. Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of December, 1903, the said Johnson & Howard were duly adjudged bankrupt; and that the first meeting of their creditors will be held at the office of the Referee in Fayetteville N. C., on January 4th, 1904, at 11 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, and transact such other business as may properly come before the said meeting. If examination of bankrupts is desired, advise me. Respectfully.
SAMUEL H. MacRAE,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 23rd, 1903. dec 25 3t

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

CHRISTMAS ATTRACTION.
MATINEE AND NIGHT.
Simvelle's magnificent production of
"Romeo and Juliet."
A car load of scenery and electrical effects, and a Metropolitan Company.
Matinee Prices—25 and 50 cents.
Evening Prices—25 cents to $1.
Seats for night performance on sale at Plummer's Thursday. tu we fr dec 22 3t

Folding Bed!

For sale a double Folding Bed of Finest Quality, with Springs and Mattress. Everything as good as new. Will be sold for half its value. Has a large Mirror, and when folded is a handsome piece of furniture.

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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25.

OVERRIDING THE LAW.

The upper and nether mill-stones betwixt which the social fabric seems to be in peril of being crushed at this time, are the trust schemes carried to extremes, on the one side, and organized or union labor gone wild on the other.

Both the trust and union labor developments are not without plausible reasons for their coming into existence, but the world has felt the baneful and hurtful effect of the trusts and it appears quite likely that in some cases the labor movement is trying to overthrow law and order. It can also be said that both movements are stupendous in their character, and therein lies the most portentous menace to social conditions in the United States and, in fact, in most of the nations of Europe. Particularly grave are these problems in the United States and Australia.

The labor movement never became so formidable until the Trusts forced the necessity for the organization of the working man as a matter of self-preservation, and it is not hard to perceive that union labor is the legitimate outcome of the Trust scheme. Both are drifting steadily to paternalism and socialism, the course of the former tending to paternalism and driving the latter to socialism, government ownership and other kindred theories, as a means of escape from the consequences of organized and consolidated capital. These conditions have augmented the conflict between capital and labor, and where it will end must fill thinking men with the gravest dread.

Capital is powerful, but with labor unionized and having the sympathy of the masses, an upheaval of some very serious nature is the thing most to be apprehended. We believe in organized labor and that it has as much right as capital to organize, but both, under present conditions, threaten to overturn law and order, and it is about time that the so-called strong arm of the law assert itself or soon or late get dragged along by the heels by the two forces which we have discussed here.

Labor has a right to make demands and strike or quit work if the demands are not complied with, but it has no right to unlawfully interfere with other men's rights to labor or employ labor.

We had hoped that organized labor, under judicious leaders, would lead up to a satisfactory arbitration plan to settle labor troubles, but with deep regret and great concern we beheld anarchy in Chicago during the street car strike, and now in the strike of the Chicago hearse drivers, who take the law in their own hands, use violence to prevent non-union men from driving corpses to the cemeteries and compel people to take their dead on street cars to to their place of burial, we think even the labor unions, and especially those in the South, will revolt at such an intolerable condition. If organized labor hopes to keep the sympathy of the masses, riot and disorder like that during the street car strike, or the disgusting spectacle seen in the hearse drivers' strike, will have to be cut out of its methods.

The law has been tolerant when not actually defied by the trusts, and the law has been over patient with the strikers, but it is time that this unending tolerance and this temporizing patience be flung to the winds.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th; also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 24nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents. W. J. CRAIG, Gen'l Passenger Agt., Wilmington, N. C. †

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

For over Sixty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and take no other kind. †

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Wanted to be Heard From!

If there is an invalid woman, suffering from female weakness, prolapsus, or falling of womb, or from leucorrhea who has used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription without complete success, the undersigned proprietors and makers of that world-famed medicine would like to hear from such person—and it will be to her advantage to write them as they offer, in perfect good faith, a reward of $500 for any case of the above maladies which they can not cure.

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A Massachusetts woman, Mrs. Carrie P. Hannaford, of No. 69 Hale Street, Beverly, Mass., who is well known socially there, being Treasurer of the Order of the Eastern Star, wrote her experience as follows: "Your 'Favorite Prescription' is, without a doubt, the finest remedy on the market to-day, for female difficulties. I suffered for four years with pains every period, and I dreaded the approach of the time as I knew it meant two or three days' misery. Tried several different widely-advertised remedies, and found that they did me no good whatever. One day a friend called, who had suffered as I was suffering, and who told me that she had been cured through the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, so I purchased a package. I found that the real value of your medicine was greater even than my expectations, and the next month I had hardly any pains. The following month had none at all, and found that my general health was much better and new life and strength had come to me."

"Favorite Prescription" makes weak women strong, sick women well. Accept no substitute for the medicine which works wonders for weak women.

The Common Sense Medical Adviser, 1008 large pages in paper covers, is sent *free* on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to pay expense of mailing *only*. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

TWINKLINGS

— Dey am a heap ob diff'unce 'twixt a man gittin' 'ligion an' gittin' scared, but we'n a man git scared he am mouty apt fo' t' git 'ligion, Mistah Jackson.—*Baltimore News.*

— "Father, what are trade winds?" asked Tom. "A species of hot air produced by drummers, book agents and other traveling men, my son.—*Princeton Tiger.*

— "I see Mrs. Molineux married the lawyer who got her her divorce." "Served him right. I never did have any use for these divorce lawyers."—*Houston Post.*

— "Does your daughter play Mozart?" inquired the young man with gold glasses. "I think she does," answered Mrs. Cumrox affably; "but I think she prefers bridge whist."—*Washington Post.*

— "It's the finest play of the realistic school I've seen the finest play of the realistic school stage, I suppose." "No, but it has a real plot and a few real actors."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "It's nobody's business if we have only known each other a week. Say yes, and we'll be married tomorrow." "But I don't want to be accused of exceeding the speed limit."—*Brooklyn Life.*

Sniff—I see that an ancient poem, supposed to have been written by Homer, has just come to light. Shawe—Ah! he had sent it to some magazine that paid on publication, I suppose.—*Judge.*

— Mr. Dinks—Why did you discharge your chauffeur? Mrs. Blinks—Why, he drinks! And he became so unsteady that he couldn't hit a pedestrian even in a crowded street!—*Chicago Daily News.*

— "You must have had an awful time with smallpox in your house." "There were compensations. The police maintained a quarantine, and my wife didn't have to get a servant for seven weeks."—*Judge.*

— "You know they say money talks," suggested the woman with the subscription paper, cheerfully. "Well, I never was any hand for extravagant speeches," replied the close-fisted millionaire.—*Syracuse Herald.*

— "You say you never eat your Thanksgiving dinner until after sunset?" "Never," replied Mr. Bliggins. "I always wait till the football game is over, and then if Josh hasn't any bones broken we go ahead with the ceremony."—*Washington Star.*

— Uncle—Well, Bobbie, I hear you're learning to swim. Bobbie—Yes; so are you, ain't you, uncle? Uncle—No, my lad. Why? Bobbie—Oh, I heard father say yesterday that you had a hard job to keep your head above water. —*Punch.*

— "I never heard a more disgusting incendiary speech than old man Brown made this morning." "Who's old man Brown?" "The fellow I work for. He said: 'See here, if you don't do better I'll fire you.'"—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "Smithers, that West Baltimore druggist tells me he always wears $10 shoes." "H'm! That's strange. I can readily understand that he wears dollar shoes, but I can't see how he wears ten of 'em."—*Baltimore News.*

— "Johnny," said the young man to the small boy, "has your sister read the novel 'Sweet Pauline?'" "Ain't seen it in the house," answered the boy. "Good!" muttered the young man with a sigh of relief. "I'd hate to use the love speeches in that and have them recognized."—*New Yorker.*

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

NASAL CATARRH quickly yields to treatment by Ely's Cream Balm, which is agreeably aromatic. It is received through the nostrils, cleanses and heals the whole surface over which it diffuses itself. A remedy for Nasal Catarrh which is drying or exciting to the diseased membrane should not be used. Cream Balm is recognized as a specific. Price 50 cents at druggists or by mail. A cold in the head immediately disappears when Cream Balm is used. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York. ‡

Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

CURRENT COMMENT.

— We are told that the indictment of Senator Dietrich is the first case on record of a United States Senator being held to answer a similar charge. That may be true, but there have been United States Senators before who ought to have been indicted for official grafting. There is an authentic record of one Nebraska Senator who could be named who sold his West Point cadetship, C. O. D.—*Omaha Bee.*

— Ecuador wants to sell the Galapagos islands to some European power. As they command the western entrance of the Panama canal—in a sense—we'll have to take them ourselves. This being a world power is like getting rich. The richer you get the more you spend and the richer you have to get, so that the millionaire is humping as hard to pay bills as the $6-a-week clerk. Every time Uncle Sam expands he has to expand some more.—*Minneapolis Journal.*

— The faker who imposes upon the credulity of the simple-minded; the unscrupulous person who palms off a gold brick upon the unwary; the astute rascal who delivers green goods to those who are knaves and fools enough to buy, are not so dangerous to society nor so reprehensible in their methods as the colossal and apparently respectable swindlers who, under the name of financiering, wreck properties and incidentally feather their nests by plucking the public.—*Birmingham News.*

— Above all persons, the American Southern negro has least to gain by migration. There is no other country on the face of the globe where he can get so much that he wants for so little of what he has to spend. No other people will feel so much pity for him in his troubles, take so good care of him when he is hungry or sick, bear so patiently with his innocent infirmities and shortcomings as the Southerners among whom he has grown up. Those who urge him to go elsewhere are either selfish or visionary.—*Washington Post.*

— Mr. Platt, while shorn of power, still maintains that private graveyard up in Tioga county. Advanced in years and somewhat discredited as a leader, he is nevertheless not a man to bear his humiliation with meekness. He has many friends among the leaders in this city, and the Platt leaders do not like Governor Odell. The prospect of a most interesting factional fight in the Republican party in New York is accordingly excellent. That is another of the things brought into view through the White House clarification.—*New York Times.*

— "I am told," a clergyman is reported as saying at a recent religious convention not far from New Bedford, "that four-fifths of the drummers on the road spend their nights in gambling." To be sure. There are always persons who are ready to tell scandalous stories about their neighbors and other persons who are ready to spend the scandal with the deprecating "I am told." If we want to listen we can hear all manner of ridiculous and slanderous assertions about all sorts and conditions of men—drummers, politicians, policemen and ministers, to mention only four varieties.—*New Bedford Standard.*

— John D. Rockefeller, at Cleveland, Oct. 5: "The personal comfort that religion has been to me has been such that sometimes I feel that I would like to go upon the lecture platform and tell the people about it." The Standard Oil company raised the price of its product half a cent last Friday and a whole cent per gallon last Monday. Extra income for the corporation calculated on the basis of the 1902 output, $35,000,000. Mr. Rockefeller's estimated share of the new profit, $11,000,000. No need of going on the platform, Mr. Rockefeller. You can proclaim the comforts of your religion from the market place.—*New York World.*

— It is manifest that there is an effective public sentiment in the South that will protect the negro from the new form of slavery, for the prosecutions have been, certainly in the most prominent cases, and so far as we know in all, originated and carried through by public officials exclusively of Southern birth and Southern sympaties. However insistent the South may be as against the social pretensions of the negroes, and however much injustice it may do while establishing what it deems to be a vital principle, there is much to show that in the end it will give the negro a chance industrially.—*Chicago Record Herald.*

— No act of our government during our domestic conflict is less defensible than its treatment of what is now the State of Virginia, in the creation of a new State out of the Old Dominion. It would have been hard enough, even considered as an act of war, if the new State had been required to take its share of the debt. The imposition of the entire burden on the part of the State to which the old name was left was such injustice as cannot be palliated. We do not know that Panama is under any moral obligation to share the Colombian debt. But if such an obligation really exists, our government must not assent to the shirking of it. One of the last things this government could afford to do would be to wink at or in any way encourage that easy way of paying debts in the regions south of us.—*Washington Post.*

A Neighbor of W. J. Bryan.

I am glad of this opportunity to testify to the beneficial effects of Cheney's Expectorant. During the past winter it did not fail once to cure my cold or to give instant relief to coughing.

A. A. BRADBURY.

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SUFFERED A THOUSAND DEATHS

Five Physicians had done their best to cure James Wilkes, of Dillon, S. C., who had one of the most terrible cases of RHEUMATISM on record. They all failed until one doctor prescribed—

Rheumacide

IT CURED HELPLESS CRIPPLE.

Mr. Wilkes writes in the course of a long letter, dated August 13, 1902: "My legs were drawn back until my feet touched my hips. I was as helpless as a baby for nearly 12 months. The muscles of my arms and legs were hard and shriveled up. I suffered death many times over. Was treated by six different physicians in McColl, Dillon and Marion, but none of them could do me any good, until Dr. J. P. Ewing, of Dillon, told me to try your RHEUMACIDE. I began to take it, and before the first bottle was used up I began to get better. I used 5½ bottles and was completely cured."

Dr. J. P. Ewing confirms Mr. Wilkes' statement in every particular.

FREE TRIAL BOTTLE SENT ON APPLICATION TO BOBBITT CHEMICAL CO., PROPRIETORS, BALTIMORE, MD

Solomon's Horses.

By a great many people Arabia is supposed to be the home of the horse. From ancient Roman, Grecian and Jewish history we readily learn that the horse was unknown in Arabia long after he was a common factor in the life of southern Europe. The horse was scarcely known to the Hebrews prior to the days of Solomon, that worthy and illustrious sovereign having been brought into closer contact with the horse by his marriage to a daughter of Pharaoh, the reigning king of Egypt, whose gorgeous wedding outfit was supplemented by a large number of elegant horses, adapted alike to the service of war and the chase.

The appearance of those beautiful animals as they sped swiftly along the streets of Jerusalem excited the envy of a few jealous princes, but added to Solomon's popularity with the masses. After his marriage with the Egyptian princess Solomon began buying horses from his father-in-law, and so rapidly did he multiply them by purchase and breeding that those kept for his own use required, as it is written, "4,000 stables and 40,000 stalls."

His Unspoken Opinion.

Richard M. Hunt, the artist, honest in his opinion and blunt in its expression, was appreciated by budding students. What he said in criticism sometimes necessitated the destruction of a picture, but the advice eventually was profitable.

A lady called on Mr. Hunt one day, requesting him to select a frame suitable for a sketch which a dear nephew had painted. "A frame in harmony with the thought suggested by the picture," was desired.

Artist Hunt betook himself to the woods. A few days after he called on a picture dealer, saying that he wished the sketch framed in the material he had collected.

"Impossible!" exclaimed the picture dealer. "Can't frame the picture with this stuff. It's rotten wood."

"You must," said Mr. Hunt gruffly. "This frame is to be in harmony with the picture."

The Blood as a River.

The blood is a very river of human life, its pulmonary and systematic circulations constituting an intricate network of canals, making the body a sort of corporeal Amsterdam or human Venice, writes George Dana Boardman in "Ethics of the Body." Each corpuscle is a barge, moving with varying rates of speed in different parts of the body, toiling through the capillaries at the rate of two inches a minute, rushing through the arteries at the rate of from twelve to twenty feet a second, ceaselessly carrying on the organic functions of the body by perpetually exchanging freight, depositing at the depot of this and that tissue oxygen and taking up dioxide of carbon. What money is to society that blood is to the body. It is the means of exchange or the circulating medium.

Being Restored to Caste.

A Fyzabad Hindoo was restored to his caste by the following process of "purification." He lost caste eating cooked food in a railway carriage, in which persons of another caste were traveling. He had to pay his own weight first in rice, the value reaching 180 rupees, and then in wheat. After being twice weighed in this way he was made to sit on a square stone while his body was covered with manure, the face only excepted. He was then taken up by two men and thrown into the river, and after a bath was received by the Brahmans, fully restored to caste fellowship.

Thought She Knew.

"Say, mamma," queried little Elsie, "what is a stag party?"

"Stag, my dear, is an abbreviation of stagger," replied the knowing mother.—Chicago News.

Economy does not mean stinginess, but the art of making the most and best of the means and materials at hand.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 25.

STEAMERS.

Caprera, (Br) 2,197 tons, Connell, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Ameria, (Br) 1,575 tons, Scarf, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Eliza A Scribner, 357 tons, Dodd, to master.
Herald, 474 tons, Simmons, C D Maffitt.
Aetna, 297 tons, Chipman, C D Maffitt.
Helen G Moseley, 502 tons, Gray, C D Maffitt.
Millie R Bohannan, 579 tons, Smith, C D Maffitt.
Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.
Adele Thackara, 515 tons, McKeen, C D Maffitt.
Damietta and Joana, 274 tons, York, C D Maffitt.
Robt H Stevenson, 1,053 tons, Higbee, C D Maffitt.

HAIR TELLS CHARACTER.

Color of Hair Said to Indicate a Person's Temperament.

Many people believe that blonde, or light hair, denotes affection and dark hair constancy. A person without hair is not devoid of character; far from it. The disposition of the average baldheaded man is to show such solicitude for the welfare of others that he neglects himself. A germ causes baldness. Prof. Sabouraud, of Paris, France, innoculated a rabbit with Dandruff germs, causing it to become totally bald in five weeks' time. To rid the scalp of these dangerous germs it is necessary to apply Newbro's Herpicide.

"Destroy the cause—you remove the effect."

Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. Hardin's Pharmacy, Special Agent.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.10 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm, with sales at $1.60@1.50 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 51½c; rosin firm at $1.35@1.40; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	17
Rosin	91
Tar	479
Crude turpentine	174

Receipts same day last year—32 casks spirits turpentine, 344 barrels rosin, 128 barrels tar, 44 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm at 12⅞c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 8c for middling.

Receipts—1,767 bales; same day last year, 1,250.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 15@30c; springs, 20@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Money on call was steady at 3½@4 per cent., closing bid 4 per cent., and offered at 4 per cent.; time loans easy; sixty days, 5 per cent; ninety days 5 per cent.; six months 5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5½@6 per cent. Sterling exchange was weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 480.90@481 for demand and 483.95@484 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates 481½@482 and 485@485½. Commercial bills 480⅝. Bar silver 55⅝. Mexican dollars 43. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 106; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107¾; do. coupon, 107⅝; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133½; do. coupons 133½; U. S. 4's, old, reg'd, 109½; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 110½; U. S. 5's, registered, 101½; do. coupon, 101½; Southern Railway, 5's, 114½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 88; Chesapeake & Ohio 33½; Manhattan L 143⅝; New York Central 119½; Reading 45½; do. 1st preferred 76¾; do. 2nd preferred 60; St. Paul 143½; do. pref'd, 172½; Southern Railway 20½; do. pref'd 78; Amalgamated Copper 48⅝; People's Gas 98⅜; Tennessee Coal and Iron 36⅜; U. S. Leather 7½; U. S. Leather, preferred, 76½; Western Union 85½; U. S. Steel 10½; do. preferred 55½; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 28½; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 99; sales — shares. Standard Oil 663.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 24.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 12½@12½; do. preferred, 21½@23; do. bonds, fours, 72@72½. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 105½ bid; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 24.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55½c; sales — casks. Rosin steady; sales — barrels; A, B, C, $2 15; D, $2 15, E, $2 15; F, $2 15; G, $2 20; H, $2 25; I, $2 45; K, $2 70; M, $2 80; N, $2 95; W G, $3 15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 24.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 56½c; receipts — casks; sales 150 casks; exports 145 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 3,893 barrels; sales 2,596 barrels; exports 1,798 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 25; D, $2 25; E, $2 25; F, $2 25; G, $2 30; H, $2 35; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $2 90; N, $3 05; W G, $3 25; W W $3 50.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The cotton market opened firm at a decline of three points to an advance of twelve points, and following the call ruled firm for a time, selling up to a net gain of thirteen to twenty points on aggressive New Orleans buying and covering by parties who sold on the late break of the previous days. The advance was encouraged by cables that were a shade better than expected and the outlook for smaller receipts in connection with unfavorable weather, but during the early morning very sensational reports were being circulated regarding the outlook in the far east and soon after reaching the point alluded to there was a partial reaction under realizing with some of the room again taking the short side for a turn. As prices slipped back, however, the local bull leader began buying aggressively and between his takings and those of New Orleans the market was again boosted and prices for the third successive day this week were soon beyond all previous high marks. January at this time sold at 13.50, March at 13.81 and May and July at 13.91. Then, as was the case yesterday, there was heavy realizing that became more aggressive as the session progressed, and towards the end of the last half hour prices had been depressed to nearly last night's finals. In the last ten minutes, however, the market was rallied sharply by a renewal of bull support and covering by shorts. The close was irregular and unsettled, but net seven to sixteen points higher. Sales were estimated at 1,000,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Cotton quiet at 13.70c; net receipts 80 bales; gross receipts 7,813 bales; stock 74,093 bales.

Cotton futures closed irregular; December 13.32, January 13.37, February 13.44, March 13.56, April 13.61, May 13.70, June 13.71, July 13.73, August 13.36.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 10 points higher; middling uplands 13.70; middling gulf 13.95c; sales 1,800 bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 34,189 bales; exports to Great Britain 10,15 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 1,812 bales; stock 915,333 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 264,833 bales; exports to Great Britain 80,483 bales; exports to France 11,816 bales; exports to the Continent 104,368 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,902,862 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,460,864 bales; exports to France 496,254 bales; exports to the Continent 1,519,617 bales; exports to Japan 21,849 bales; exports to Mexico 17,205 bales.

Dec 24.—Galveston, firm at 13c, net receipts 8,041 bales. Norfolk, dull at —, net receipts 3,000 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 13 50c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 13 60c, net receipts 95 bales; Wilmington, firm at 12⅞c, net receipts 1,767 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 13.95c, net receipts 320 bales; Savannah, firm at 13⅛, net receipts 7,169 bales. New Orleans, firm at 13¼c, net receipts 10,785 bales; Mobile, firm at 13c, net receipts 1,358 bales. Memphis, firm at 13c, net receipts 3,614 bales; Augusta, firm at 13½c, net receipts 2,351 bales; Charleston, firm at 13c, net receipts 1,573 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Flour was dull but firmly held. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 94½c. Options—There was an advance of nearly 1c in wheat to-day on a sensational war rumor and higher cables, but the market eventually yielded to big receipts and realizing and closed irregular at ⅛@⅜c net advance: May closed 86¼c; July closed 83⅞c; December closed 94⅝c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 52½. Options market was more active and strong to-day on higher cables, the war scare, wheat strength, rain West and covering. The close was ⅛@⅝c net higher: May closed 50⅝c; December 55c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2 42½. Lard steady; Western steam $7 10; refined steady; continent $7 25; compound 6½@6½. Butter quiet; extra creamery 23c; State dairy 14@20. Cheese quiet; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3½@5c. Potatoes firm; Long Island $2 12@2 37; Jerseys $2 00@2 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 10@2 25. Cabbage steady; domestic, per ton, $20 00@25 00; per 100 $6 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12. Rice quiet. Molasses firm. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 36c. Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining 3 1-16@3½c; centrifugal 96 test 3 9-16c; molasses sugar 2 13 16@2⅞c; refined quiet. Pork firm. Tallow firm. Cotton seed oil was quieter, closing firm at old prices—Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 29@30c; prime summer yellow 37c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 39@40c; prime winter yellow 40@42c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The crisis in the Far East was the almost exclusive factor in grain markets to-day. May wheat closed ½c higher. May corn was up ⅛@½c; oats ½c and provisions a shade to 7½c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Cash prices: Flour dull and easy. Wheat—No. 2 spring —; No. 3 spring 79@80c; No. 2 red 82¾@86c. Corn—No. 2 43½c; No. 2 yellow 43½. Oats—No. 2 34½@34½; No. 3 white 34@37½. Rye—No. 2 52½. Mess pork, per bbl, $12 00@12 12½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 67½@6 70. Short rib sides, loose, $6 12½@6 37½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 37½@6 50. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 80⅜@80⅞, 81½, 80¼, 81½c; May 83½@83⅝, 84¼, 83¼@83½, 83⅝; July 77⅝@77⅝, 78½, 77½, 78@78½c. Corn—No. 2 December 41, 41⅜, 41, 41½c; May 44½@44½, 44¾, 44½, 44⅜@44⅝; July 43⅝@43¾, 44½, 43⅝, 43⅞@44c. Oats—No. 2 December 35, 35½, 34½, 34½; May 37½@37½, 37½, 37½, 37½; July 34⅝, 34½, 34⅝, 34½c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $12 00, 12 07½, 12 00, 12 05; May $12 42½, 12 50, 12 40, 12 42½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 70, 6 72½, 6 67½, 6 70; May $6 82½, 6 95, 6 82½, 6 90. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 30, 6 32½, 6 22½, 6 25; May $6 57½, 6 60, 6 52½, 6 55.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 7c; mild firm; Cordova 8½@13c. The market for coffee futures opened firm on good buying from European and outside sources which was met by further liquidation on the part of room longs. In the afternoon liquidation was heavier and with shorts less active buyers, prices sagged off with the market finally steady, net unchanged to 5 points lower. Sales 149,000 bags.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, December 24.—Cotton: Spot quiet, with prices six points lower; American middling fair 7.44d; good middling 7.28d; middling 7.18d; low middling 7.12d; good ordinary 7.02d; ordinary 6.82d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 300 bales were for speculation and export and included 2,500 bales American. Receipts 11,000 bales, including 10,300 bales American.

Futures opened steady and closed steady; American middling (g o c): December 7.14@7.15d; December and January 7.10d; January and February 7.07d; February and March 7.05@7.06d; March and April 7.04d; April and May 7.03d; May and June 7.02d; June and July 7.00d; July and August 6.97d@6.98; August and September 6.82d.

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At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. (Began Business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,131,992 44	Capital	$ 300,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	350,000 00	Surplus and net profits	104,926 80
Bank Building	20,000 00	Circulation	20,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	718 166 94	Deposits	1,627,149 88
	$2,229,658 98		$2,229,658 98

Comparative statement of deposits,

Nov. 17th, 1901, $672,803 86. Nov. 17th, 1902, $51,164,060 06 Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,627,149 88.

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A big line of Suits to retail at $10, neat designs and handsome patterns.

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THE COUNT DE TOURINNE

[Original.]

Harvey Rathbone, being very rich, took life easy. After several years spent at the University of Heidelberg he married the girl of his choice, and the next few years were spent by the couple wherever they could derive the most pleasure. One winter they took a house in Paris.

Rathbone had always had implicit confidence in his wife till jealousy settled itself upon him through a very singular cause. Returning to his home late one evening when his wife was in bed, he entered an adjoining chamber in which a light was turned low and saw a man in evening dress advancing to meet him. In a twinkling there came a revelation of infidelity on the part of his wife. He was about to spring forward to grasp the man by the throat when he discovered that he was looking at his own image in a mirror. He took off his clothes and crawled into bed, but not to sleep. Suppose his wife, whom all the men admired, should thus dishonor him! The idea, having taken root, grew and expanded until it monopolized the principal part of his brain.

The time came when something more than a reflection confronted him. One evening when he desired to go to the opera his wife asked to be excused from accompanying him on the ground of feeling indisposed. Since the piece was a favorite with him he concluded to go alone. He heard little of the music, however, for an idea got into his head that his wife's indisposition was merely a subterfuge. However, he saw the opera through, then, joining some friends, went to supper at a cafe. About 1 o'clock he went home, let himself in with his night key, and was about to go up stairs when he saw a man standing on the stairs. He had been coming down when Rathbone entered and stopped.

Rathbone staggered under the load of horror that had suddenly come upon him.

"Stand where you are!" he said as soon as he could get his voice. "Give me time to think. My wife's name must not be brought into this affair. We must find some other pretext."

"Go to your club," said the man, "and say that you caught the Count de Tourinne cheating at cards. You challenged him and will fight him at daylight in the morning."

"The Count de Tourinne!"

"By my indiscretion my family, one of the oldest in France, must suffer the only stigma ever put upon it. But it is better thus than that your wife's reputation should suffer."

"It will not matter. I will put you where only the worms will interest you."

The count advanced, took a card from his pocket, threw it on a table and walked out of the front door. Rathbone went into the drawing room and, falling on a divan, buried his face in the cushions. Half an hour later he went to his club, where he met Spencer Hunt, a Heidelberg chum, whom he told that the Count de Tourinne had cheated him at cards and a challenge had passed.

"Go," he concluded, "to the address on the card and arrange the details of the affair."

"I am surprised beyond measure," said Hunt, "that Tourinne should have done such a thing. I am not personally acquainted with him, but his standing both socially and as a man of honor is the highest. Is not this a pretext to cover the real cause of your quarrel?"

"Hunt, as you value my friendship ask no questions. Arrange the affair to be fought out till either I or the count is killed or mortally wounded. Go at once."

Rathbone paced back and forth in the hall of the club, waiting. Men were coming and going, occasionally casting a glance at him, wondering what was the matter with him. Fortunately for Rathbone, he had been so devoted a husband that he had not frequented the club and knew only a few of the members. For an hour he paced, then, suddenly looking up, saw Hunt coming in at the door accompanied by an aristocratic looking gentleman. Both approached Rathbone, the accompanying man glaring at him.

"Is this the man whom you accused of cheating at cards?" asked Hunt.

"No."

"Count, this is my friend Harvey Rathbone. The Count de Tourinne, Harvey. There is some mistake."

The count, mollified, asked for an account of the affair and a description of the person who had been personating him, then returned to his home.

Rathbone was worn out with excitement and the load he bore and did not know what to do. Hunt took him by the arm and led him to the Place de la Concorde and thence up the Champs Elysees. There they walked and talked till the sun stood high in the sky. Then Hunt decided to take his friend home to face an investigation.

When the front door opened Mrs. Rathbone threw himself into her husband's arms, hysterically exclaiming:

"Oh, Harvey, where have you been? The house has been entered and all my jewels taken!"

The two men darted glances at each other full of meaning. It was plain that a thief had played a pretty game and effected his escape.

"Thank God!" exclaimed Rathbone.

"What do you mean?" cried the wife.

"Why, my dear, I mean—the fact is I have news of the winning of a suit at home by which I will acquire quite enough to replace your jewels. Let us have breakfast."

The jewels were recovered by the police and the thief secured. He had formerly been a valet of the Count de Tourinne. F. A. MITCHEL.

FACTS FROM FRANCE.

In Paris a youth attempted to kill his father in order that as a widow's son he might escape conscription.

According to the census taken by the prefecture of the Seine, there are at present in Paris 41,350 Italians, 42,000 Belgians and 32,500 Germans.

Fashionable dogs in Paris, which for some time have worn overcoats with pockets for their little handkerchiefs, are now provided with goggles for their eyes when taken motoring.

Five Paris policemen have passed their examination as motor car drivers. They will shortly be put on duty with fast cars so that they can overtake and, if necessary, arrest any other drivers of such vehicles traveling at excessive speed.

Miniature Trees.

The Japanese art of making miniature landscapes and gardens consists chiefly in starving the plant so as to retard the circulation of its sap or life giving juices. Furguson, who was one among the first of English adventurers to visit China and Japan, mentions the fact that he saw at Canton "a boxe about the bigness of a ladyes snuffe box, which did not containe a little dirt and sixteen tiny littyl trees, foure of which were in full blow, the whole boxe, trees and all so small that a man could put them in hys mouth together."

TOM'S STORY.

One Thing Led to Another In Surprising Fashion.

"Tom," said Jack as they lighted their cigars after the class reunion dinner, "tell me something about yourself. What have you been doing all these years since we left college?"

"Well, Jack, I've had my ups and downs. I was just about to start in business in New York when my physician ordered me to go west for my health."

"Oh, too bad! I'm sorry to hear that, old man."

"Well, it wasn't so bad either. I started a ranch in Arizona and made a good deal of money."

"I'm glad to hear that, Tom. That was fine."

"Well, I don't know about that. It wasn't so good either, for after I'd been running the ranch awhile a murrain came along and killed off most of my stock."

"Too bad, too bad!"

"Well, it wasn't so bad after all, for it drove me from ranching to Denver, and in Denver I met a girl who was fated to become my wife."

"Congratulations, old boy; that was fine!"

"Well, I don't know; it wasn't so fine either, for she turned out to have quite a temper, and she didn't make me very happy."

"Awfully sorry to hear it, old chap. That must have been a blow. That was bad, bad!"

"Well, it wasn't so bad either. We were scratching along, living on next to nothing, when my wife's uncle died and left her a lot of money. We built a nice home of our own and moved in."

"That was great luck, old man, now, wasn't it?"

"Well, it wasn't as good as it sounds; it didn't last. We hadn't been in the house six months before it took fire one night and was burned to the ground."

"Wasn't that hard luck! Too bad, too bad!"

"Well, I don't know; it wasn't so bad either."

"How so?"

"My wife was burned up with the house."—New York Times.

A Look Ahead.

"That little machine," remarks the exhibitor just before the performance, "contains the moving pictures which show the prize fight in every detail."

"Indeed!" we say politely. "And what is that large one on the other side of the stage?"

"That," replies the exhibitor, "is the phonograph which accompanies the pictures, giving the prize fighters' talk before the contest came off."

But as we have only five hours at our disposal we do not stay to hear but half of it. — Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Reminded Her.

"Do you know," said Miss Snappeigh, "when you smile you remind me so much of my father."

Mr. Oldboy smiled delightedly.

"Yes," she purred, "you wrinkle your face just exactly as he does."

Mr. Oldboy didn't smile any more.—Chicago Tribune.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall., Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once, and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court made in the special proceeding of Mary E. Willis, Executrix of J. W. Willis vs. M. E. Willis et al., the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale to the highest bidder at public auction for cash at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, the 30th of January, 1904, the following lots of land situate in said city:

1st. Lot beginning at a point in northern line of Wooster street, 180 feet west of W. line of Ninth street, runs we t with said line of Wooster street 67 feet, north parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, east parallel with Wooster 67 feet, south, parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to beginning. Part Lot 6, Block 66.

2nd A lot beginning on the N line of Wooster street at a point 130 feet west of W. line of Eleventh street, runs thence north parallel with said line of Eleventh street 66 feet, west 65 feet south, 66 to Wooster street, E. with northern line of Wooster street 65 feet to beginning. Part of Lot 6 Block 85.

3rd. Lot beginning at a point in Lot 3, Block 38, 84 feet from western line of Ninth street, north, parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, with Dawson 33 feet, thence south parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, east parallel with Dawson street, 33 feet to beginning.

4th. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Mulberry and Fourteenth street, runs with western line of Fourteenth street 114 feet, west parallel with Mulberry street 80 feet to small branch, southeast with the run thereof to north line of Mulberry street, thence with north line of Mulberry street, eastwardly to the beginning; same being less by 10 feet on Fourteenth street than the whole lot and being east end of L—, Block 470.

WALTER P. GAFFORD, Commissioner.

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The Great Southern Remedy. Cures all Stomach and Bowel Troubles, such as Chronic Dysentery, Cholera Morbus, Bloody Flux, and also children teething. It seldom fails to make quick and permanent cures of all stomach and bowel diseases. See testimonial of the late

HENRY W. GRADY.

Dr. Walter A. Taylor, Atlanta, Ga

Dear Sir: This is the first certificate that I have ever given as to the merits of any medicine, but I take pleasure in recommending Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial. I consider it the best remedy that I have ever used in my family for Stomach and Bowel Troubles. 50c invested in a bottle of this medicine to be used in the beginning of any stomach trouble will often save life as well as a large doctor's bill. I have a friend whose life was, in my opinion, saved by the prompt use of Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial. For sale by all Druggists, 25 and 50c per bottle.

(Signed) HENRY W. GRADY.

Atlanta, Ga., May 23, 1887.

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In our men's clothing department we are making special efforts to sell clothing. Our stock was never better nor more complete. We have suits for everybody; suits that fit, and suits that wear. We sell Silverman's clothes that are equal to tailor-made suits, and the prices are right. We have them from $8 up $15. They have every point of excellence that tailor-made suits have—padding, lining, fit and style; the only difference is in the price, and that is in your favor. Why not save money? "A dollar saved is a dollar made." We have as good clothing as other merchants and sell it cheaper, mainly from the fact that we do not have to depend sorely on the clothing business; but it only represents one line among many others. We have good strictly all wool suits that we sell for $5, and good suits even cheaper if you desire them. A serviceable, well made suit as low as $2.98, $3.50 and $4.25. And overcoats, too; our sales have been wonderful. We have just received two large shipments of new coats; we can fit you up in a good coat for $5, and a splendid Oxford grey, all wool coat, full length and serviceable, at $6.50. Well, our $8 and $10 coats are beauties. We are making a special run on the boys' suits; we are selling $4 suits that are beautiful patterns, strictly all wool, for boys from 7 to 16 years old, for $2.98. A big line of boys' all wool pants, every seam taped and patent waist bands, as low as 50c a pair; something real nice in boys' pants at 75c, and something extra nice at 98.

Gents' Fancy Vests.

For the holiday season, buy a fancy vest. We have them in white and colors, $1.50 to $3.50 each.

Rain Proof Coats.

For heavy weather we have a rain proof, water tight coat that we are selling for $1.50 each. We have an elegant rubber coat made for cold weather that we are selling for $3.50 each. In our clothing department we carry a full stock of gents' furnishing goods, laundried and unlaundried shirts, white, grey and red flannel underwear. A full line of cotton fleeced underwear for 40c. and 50c. A full line of men's hosiery, fancy hose at 10c. a pair; 25c. imported hose at 12½c. a pair. Collars and a full line of gents' ties. We feel that our clothing department is equal to any of its kind in the city, where you can get anything you may want in that line.

Men's Hats.

We have recently made a large purchase in men's hats. We are selling a $1.25 hat for 75c.; a $1.50 hat for $1; a $2 hat for $1.25. These hats are all new and stylish and are of the very best make. We bought them cheap and we are selling them cheap. Buy a hat from us and save money.

Our Millinery Department.

In this department you will find that we have lots of new ribbon for the Christmas trade. No. 1, in fancy colors, is the best quality of satin at 1c a yard, 10c a roll; we have a full line of No. 2 ribbon at 2½c a yard or 25c a roll; No. 5 ribbon at 40c a roll; No. 22 we sell at 10c a yard; Nos. 40 and 60 we sell at 15c a yard; No. 80 at 20c a yard; we have all kinds of ribbon for Christmas trade and we would be glad if you would give our stock a trial. In ladies' hats we have just received a nice line of silk and velvet hats; also a splendid assortment in scratch felt hats of the very latest shapes. We are selling silk hats at 75c each, the same that we sold for $1.25 and our fine velvet hats that are $2.25 values are $1.50.

Ladies' Cloaks.

In ladies' cloaks we have a big variety to show. New goods received almost every day by express. We keep them coming our way for their wraps and why? Because we sell them right. We punch cards with every cash purchase except for toys and give presents free. Get your card punched before Christmas so we can give you either a nice globe lamp, a nice oak table, a cane-seated rocking chair or a set of fine china, gold band, cups, saucers and plates, or a beautiful glass water set. These presents we give with a twenty-five dollar card. If you have no card, ask for one. Our presents are in thousands of homes in Wilmington and surrounding country and we would like to add you to the list at The Big Racket Store, 208 and 210 North Front street, Wilmington, N. C.

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will keep open 'till 9 P. M., every evening 'till December 25th. Now it is "up to you."

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Effective October 21st, 1903.

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*7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
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3.00 P. M.	5.10 P. M.	4.45 P. M.
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*Daily except Sunday.

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Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m. arrive Lumberton 5:35 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p m, Maxton 6.45 p m, Hamlet 7:35 p m. Arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 9:15 a m, Pembroke 9.55 a m, Maxton 4 05 a m, Hamlet 6:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:46 a m, Arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:03 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:30 a m, Pembroke 1:00 a m, Lumberton 3:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 35 a m	1 35 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 22 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Athens	2 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	8 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	2 30 p m	5 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	5 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	5 45 a m	6 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	6 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	}	—
Ar Norfolk	8 00 a m	5 35 p m
Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 25 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 18 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 01 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 15 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 23 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 25 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 53 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 41 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 26 a m	9 15 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 35 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 19 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 48 a m
Ar Weldon	9 43 p m	11 40 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 18 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	5 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 28 a m	7 30 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	3 00 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jackson ville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 30 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 30 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 20 a m	Ar 7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 35 p m	Ar 4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar 12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv 9 00 a m

Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 50	Kinston	10 12	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 27	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 03	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 5.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 5.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 23 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.

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NAVAHOE.....Saturday, Dec. 26
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CARIB.....Tuesday, Dec. 29
NAVAHOE.....Tuesday, Dec. 29

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To Excursionists.

The first thing you should do on your arrival in Wilmington is to have a clean, easy shave, or a stylish hair-cut, or a cool and refreshing shampoo. Possibly, you may need all of these comforts.

"The Favorite" Barber shop is the place.

GUION & DAVIS,

au 16 tf No. 7 South Front Street.

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING. DECEMBER 25.

NEGROES FIGHT.

Sam High Badly Hurt by Cromwell Hinton, at Tarboro.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

TARBORO, N. C., Dec. 24.—Late this afternoon a fight occurred here, opposite the City Hall, in which Sam High was hit on the forehead by Cromwell Hinton and it is supposed a fatal wound was inflicted. The weapon was a large, heavy oak stick. High was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition. Hinton ran out of town, but was captured by Chief Cotton in a cornfield just the other side of the cotton factory. Both parties are colored. High is expected to die.

THE THEATRE.

Christmas Attraction at the Academy. Romeo and Juliet Matinee and Night.

Shakespeare's great play, Romeo and Juliet, will be the attraction at the Academy of Music, at matinee this afternoon and at night.

Simvelle's production of "Romeo and Juliet" will be adequate. While preserving the nobleness and grandeur of the play, modern innovation asserts itself and gorgeous scenery and special electric effects have been generally added. Every act and scene will be specially staged and the revival of the most noted and popular play ever written will be magnificent. Matinee tickets are on sale at Plummer's. The night sale is already large.

MABEL PAIGE NEXT WEEK.

An exceedingly capable acting company supports Miss Paige this season, and they are to be here all of next week. The Vaudeville artists include the "Marvelous Hermion," "The Parisian Sensation," "The Georgia Cotton Blossom," Dan S. Holt "The Musical King," and a number of other Vaudeville head liners "The Princess of Patches" is announced as the play with which the company will open their engagement on Monday night. The box sheet opens at Plummer's Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Death of Mr. Joe Lippitt.

The numerous friends of Mr. Joseph Lippitt will be pained to learn of his rather sudden death last night about 8 o'clock at the James Walker Memorial Hospital. He had been sick only a few days with pneumonia, and was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday night. The attack took an acute form yesterday and resulted in his death.

Mr. Lippitt was the son of the late Mr. J. J. and Mrs. J. D. Lippitt, and was born in Fayetteville, June 10th, 1862. He was consequently 41 years old at his last birthday.

The deceased was never married. For a number of years he was a conductor on the Wilmington Seacoast railroad, and was well known in Wilmington and in many portions of the State. He was a warm hearted man and had many friends, who will sincerely mourn his death. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Dr. Thos. S. Burbank, of this city, and Mrs. Walter Taliaferro, of Charlotte.

The services for the burial of the dead will take place at St. James' Episcopal Church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The interment will be made at Oakdale cemetery.

Thrilling Runaway.

Master Joe Nathan, aged 10 years, had a thrilling experience and narrow escape yesterday. A horse hitched to a wagon in which he was riding ran away on Princess street and at Second and Princess streets ran into a tele phone pole. The lad was thrown violently to the sidewalk, but fortunately escaped with only a few bruises about his head. He held bravely to the reins until he was thrown out and all who witnessed the runaway thought it a miracle that he was not killed. Another boy who laid down in the wagon was not hurt.

The Star Carrier Boys.

The happy Yuletide always drifts to your door the carrier boys, with their merry jingling Christmas carol. During the year, in rain or sunshine, in cold or snow, the little fellows delivered your paper, and when they present you a carol they expect you to chip in to help them have a happy Christmas. Kindly remember the boys, if its in your heart.

Christmas for the Convicts.

Mr. W. H. Shearin, superintendent of the county convict camp at Castle Haynes, was in the city yesterday. He will give the convicts a good dinner to-day, and was in the city to purchase supplies.

There are now an even hundred convicts in the camp, of whom only five are women. They are six white men in the bunch.

— P. Heinsberger, Jr., secretary and treasurer of the Monarch Paint Company, returned home yesterday from a week's business trip for his company. He reports business as good.

[A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema nd Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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For Infants and Children.

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Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR SITUATION.

Intimation that Russia Will Concede Japan's Request; Peaceful Solution Likely.

A MORE HOPEFUL FEELING.

British Government Represents to Czar that it Deems Japan's Demands Just and Expects that Russia Will Grant Them.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—An intimation has reached the Japanese legation here that Russia will concede Japan's requests.

Inquiries made by the Associated Press as to particulars of this intimation, whether it came from Tokio or St. Petersburg, brought out nothing more than that a peaceful solution is now highly probable.

The British government, it is understood from another source, has represented to the Czar that Great Britain deems Japan's demands just, and earnestly expects that Russia will grant them.

This representation is supported by the utterances of the British ambassadors here in Paris and Vienna, who have informed the respective governments to which they are accredited that Japan, in the opinion of the British government, will fight if Russia holds to the position in her recent note.

The Russian ambassador here has for several days been inquiring free y what the opinions of the diplomatic corps are.

More Negotiations.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Diplomatic circles in London look for several days of dull Russo-Japanese negotiations.

The Japanese legation points out that Japan's counter proposals will possibly entail somewhat prolonged consideration.

Meanwhile, a London *Times* dispatch from Tokio, saying "the best informed circles in Japan do not share the pessimism which appears to prevail in London, inasmuch as the resources of diplomacy are by no means exhausted, has created a more hopeful feeling, especially with the *Times* which yesterday, both in its dispatches and editorially, took a warlike view of the situation.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.— The hopefulness in official circles of a pacific settlement of the Russo-Japan dispute was reflected today on the Bourse, which largely recovered from the nervousness which had prevailed for several days.

The Russian newspapers are displaying the liveliest irritation at the British press, whose anti-Russian attitude in the present Russo-Japanese dispute has aroused even greater public animosity against Great Britain than exists against Japan.

Situation in Corea.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Tokio says Premier Katsura and War Minister Terauchi visited the Marquis Ito, president of the privy council, and the Marquis Yamagata, chief of the council of field marshals, at their villas to-day, two hours distant by rail from Tokio. The meetings are believed to have been connected with important developments in the Russian-Japanese situation. The ministers returned to Tokio this evening.

The Japanese press is urging the immediate dispatch of troops to Corea, where it is asserted Japanese interests are menaced by Russian military pressure in the north and Russian intrigues at Seoul. The impression is growing in the best informed circles that the adoption of such a policy is now inevitable.

War Preparations.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Nagasaki correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* says that the Japanese railways have been ordered to prepare to transport 70,000 troops from the north to the south. It is understood that only those troops which are inured to cold climates will be chosen.

The correspondent says that there are now forty warships in the southern waters of Japan, the majority being fully coaled and ready for any emergency. These warships are continually moving about for the purpose of practice. Officials everywhere, according to the correspondent, are ready to summon reserves at a moment's notice.

The drafting of Japanese troops to Corea continues. They go in small numbers on pretexts, but nevertheless a fairly large force is now there.

"BRYAN WILL BE LOYAL."

Even if Platform Doesn't Just Suit Him, Senator Stone Declares.

Special to New York World.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Senator Stone, of Missouri, one of William J. Bryan's closest personal and political friends, said to-night regarding the attitude Mr. Bryan will take in the next campaign.

"I believe Mr. Bryan is still the most powerful individual force in the Democratic party. Very few if any believe that Mr. Bryan will be considered for the Democratic presidential nomination. He has himself settled that by his repeated and emphatic declarations that he is not a candidate.

"I am sure he will use his influence to induce the national convention to make a sound Democratic platform and nominate a good ticket. Although Mr. Bryan may not get all as he would like it, he will nevertheless do his full part loyally and bravely to bring victory to our party standard."

THE COTTON MARKET.

Another Bull Pool Said to Have Been Formed in New Orleans.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—The cotton market was very active to day. In spite of an enormous volume of holiday liquidation prices advanced. Leading bull support in the market and the buying forced prices up point by point until May was nineteen points higher than yesterday's close.

It was rumored to-day that another bull pool had been formed on the same lines as the famous bull pool of last year. It is claimed the pool has ten times as much money at its command as it had last year, and that it will force cotton to extreme prices.

To Build a New Armory.

Through Col. Walker Taylor the Boys' Brigade has purchased from Mr. Wescott the house and lot on the southeast corner of Second and Church streets, at a cost of $2,900. The residence will be removed and a handsome two story brick armory is to be erected in its stead. The Brigade will use the first story, and a hall on the second story is to be used for the meetings of the ladies in that quarter of the city.

"PARSIFAL" PRODUCED IN NEW YORK CITY.

Most Sensational Event in American Operatic History—Witnessed at Metropolitan Opera House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec 24.—In spite of successive legal complications, a small storm of pulpit protests, and some enormous practical difficulties, Richard Wagner's sacred music drama, or dedicatorial festival play 'Parsifal" was produced at the Metropolitan Opera House this evening before an immense audience. The production takes rank not only as the most sensational event in American operatic history, but it has a world wide importance as the first public performance of the much discussed drama out of Baireuth, and as a serious blow aimed at the so-called "Baireuth monopoly," which "Parsifal" by its restriction to that stage has largely created and maintained for the Wagner heirs.

It is safe to say that no such huge audience has ever been compressed within the four walls of the Metropolitan Opera House, nor can even an "old timer" recollect one of such brilliance and representative character. Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Chicago and other cities sent parties of enthusiasts and almost every one well known in art, literature or music throughout the country could be met in the jostle of the lobbies and corridors— For weeks every seat from the footlights to the roof had been sold and could have been re-sold a score of times.

The performance was begun punctually at 5 o'clock, the opening of the drama and that of each of its acts being heralded, after Baireuth custom, by the trumpeters upon the main staircases. The first act, ending about seven, was followed by a recess for dinner, the performance was resumed at a quarter before nine, and concluded at about half-past eleven. These arrangements, coupled with the total darkening of the house, presented society with the practical problems of "where to dine" and "how to dress," inasmuch as the curtain rose before the hour at which evening dress, according to social canons, is permissible. Society settled them in a variety of ways. While some used the long intermission to drive home, as a rule dinner was taken at the principal restaurants near by, tables at which had been reserved for weeks. All sorts of solutions of the dress problem were to be seen.

THE OLYMPIA COTTON MILLS.

Arguments in U. S. Court for Appointment of Receiver Concluded by Counsel. Case Taken Under Advisement

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 24.—Before the United States Circuit Court the arguments in the Phinizy suit against the Olympia cotton mills for the appointment of a receiver, were closed to-day and case was taken under advisement by Judges Simonton and Brawley.

Probably the most interesting feature of the proceedings, barring Mr. Abney's free and caustic comment upon the acts of the officers and board of directors, was the decision of Messrs. Smythe, Lee and Frost, the attorneys for the intervening creditors, to join in the motion to have a receiver appointed for the mills. The attorneys for the intervening creditors have been accounted in sympathy with the plan of re-organization, or at least as showing a friendly disposition towards it, but to-day Mr. Smythe announced that contrary to his personal feelings in the matter he was forced to express his convictions plainly that the Olympia mill was insolvent, and a receivership offered the only plan for the protection of the interests of the creditors.

Mr. Steele closed the arguments in a short and clear argument, earnestly asking the court not to stay the re-organization plan. He showed that the plan depended on the three mills being bound together, and assured the court that no advantage will be taken of the Granby and Richland mills in the final adjudication of the existing differences, and the organizers would diligently guard the interests of all stockholders as well as creditors and everything will come right, if the plan is allowed to go through, as outlined and arranged for.

The court gave no intimation as to when a decision will be rendered.

STEAMER WRECKED.

Bound from New Haven for New York, With Thirty Passengers—All Saved.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SOUTH NORWALK, CONN., Dec. 24.—In a thick fog early to-day the steamer Erastus Corning, of the Starin Line, bound from New Haven for New York with thirty passengers and a heavy cargo of freight, struck on the rocks of Cops Island, just outside of Norwalk harbor. A hole two feet square was stove in the side of the steamer and within five minutes she sank in fifteen feet of water.

The shock of the collision and the cries of the crew aroused the passengers who rushed on deck in a panic. Most of them were thinly clad. One woman jumped overboard but was rescued by a number of the crew. During the confusion six of the passengers cleared away a small boat and left the steamer. The boat reached land. The occupants suffered severely from exposure. All the other passengers were safely landed.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Colonel John Beatry and Wife of Bartow, Florida.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BARTOW, FLA., Dec. 24.—Colonel John Beatry, general manager of the Green Bay Phosphate Company, while driving to his mines this morning was shot from ambush by a negro whom he had discharged yesterday. Mrs. Beatry was with him and was seriously hurt, several shot striking her about the face and breast. Colonel Beatry was not hurt very badly.

Colonel Beatry's horse came near running away and the negro escaped in the woods. Posses have been scouring the woods all day and late this afternoon a negro was captured who is supposed to be the right man. He was placed in jail here and will be taken to Colonel Beatry in the morning for identification.

At the request of the State Department, Secretary Moody has sent a cablegram to Rear Admiral Sterling, commanding the Asiatic squadron, to dispatch a warship to Chemulpo Corea, to protect American interests there

I am making a specialty of Ladies set rings. Solid gold only. J. T. Burke.

SIXTY-FOUR DEAD AND NINE INJURED

Result of the Terrible Wreck on the B. & O. Railroad Near Connellsville, Pa.

ALL BUT A FEW IDENTIFIED.

Distressing Scenes at the Morgues—Many of the Dead Robbed—Coroner's Jury at Work—The Cause of the Wreck Stated.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA., Dec. 24.—The summing up of the results of last night's wreck of the Duquesne limited, on the Baltimore and Ohio, eight miles west of here, shows a total dead list of sixty-four and nine injured. To day Connellsville has been packed with curious people attracted by the wreck. The three morgues have found it necessary to put guards at all doors to keep morbid spectators from jumping into the small rooms and walking over the forms of the dead. The streets are packed and in front of each of the undertaking establishments hundreds of people are grouped eagerly waiting for a glimpse of the dead bodies. Friends and relatives of the victims are coming in on every train and scenes at the morgue are most distressing. All but a few of the sixty-four bodies have been identified, and those who are still unknown will be laid away in Hill Grove cemetery, at the dawn of Christmas morning.

Those who are still to be identified are mostly foreigners, and it is doubtful if their identity will ever be known. Considerable money was found on the persons of the unidentified and tightly sewed in a belt on one foreigner was found more than $400, which was placed in the First National bank. Sums ranging from $100 to $800 were found, and this, like the balance, has been put in the bank until perhaps some time a relative may be found.

Many of the victims of the wreck have been robbed. There are several who are known to have had a large amount of money and jewelry on their persons. Not a single cent was found in the pockets of several of them, and it was plainly visible that rings had been taken from the fingers. Robbers were on the scene early, and before many of the rescuers arrived they had secured considerable booty, much of which consisted of baggage and handbags that had been tossed about the cars in the wreck. A number of these have not been recovered, and it is the opinion of the local officers that the bags were quickly picked up by the gang of thieves that operated there before assistance arrived. To-day the wreck is pretty well cleared away.

Coroner Arthur Nagen, of Fayette county, arrived in Connellsville to-day and immediately swore in the coroner's jury. The jury is now viewing the remains and taking evidence as to the cause of the disaster.

It has been learned that the car which dropped the timbers which wrecked the train was gondola No. 3087 of the Nickel Plate railroad.

Superintendent J. F. Erwin, of the Baltimore and Ohio, declares the blame must be fastened on the parties who loaded the lumber on the car. His theory is that the stakes at the side of the gondola were weak and gave way under the tension of the car when it rounded the curve. Superintendent Erwin has addressed inquiries to both the starting point and the destination of the car and will make a thoroughin vestigation.

Louis Hilgot, the conductor of the train, was in the second day-coach when the crash came and no one knows just how or what happened to him until afterwards. D. W. Hills, porter on one of the sleepers, said that as soon as he could get off his car he went forward and heard some one shouting from the top of the bank where he by going forward recognized Hilgot's voice. He was in terrible agony, but shouted at the top of his voice: "For God's sake, I am scalded to death, but some one of you get a red lamp and flag 49 or she will be on us."

A story of courage and heroism seldom equalled is told of Benjamin Nichols, steward on the dining car. His name is being sung with praises by railroaders and the surviving passengers to-day. When the terrible slide of the engine dragged the train whirling sideways along the road, Nichols was in the dining car. Before the car had made its last lurch Nichols had leaped and was running toward the smoker, which was reduced to a matter of twisted iron and splinters. The crash had torn the escape valve from the top of the engine and the steam was shooting in the car on the struggling mass of smoking humanity.

The escaping steam was the first thing that attracted the plucky steward. Taking off his coat he ripped and tore the garment until it was in shreds. With this he plugged up the pipe and shut off the steam. Then he plunged into the suffocating car and carried out victims until exhausted.

THE TELEPHONE MERGER.

New Company Chartered in Raleigh to Combine the Rival Exchanges.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 24.—The Capital City Telephone Company was chartered to-day, to effect a merger of the Interstate and Bell telephone exchanges of this city. Capital authorized is $200,000. The incorporators are W. T. Gentry, D. I. Carson, J. W. Crews and Hunt Chipley, of Atlanta, on the part of the Southern Bell Company, and J. S. Carr, L. A. Carr and W. W. Watts on the part of the Interstate Company. The merger will be effected December 29th. This is the only point at which there will be such a deal, the Bell company taking over the Interstate exchanges at all other points except Durham, where the Interstate is left in control of the field.

All State Departments at the State capitol closed this afternoon and will not re-open until Monday.

The contract for the construction of the United States postoffice and customs building at Jacksonville, Fla., has been awarded to Cramp & Co., of Philadelphia, whose bid was $207,800.

Special Rates via Seaboard Air Line.

Charlotte, N. C., Annual Meeting Shriners. Tickets on sale Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th, final limit Dec. 31st. Fare for round trip from Wilmington, N. C., $7.75.

Atlanta, Ga. Department of Supt's. National Education Association. Tickets on sale February 21st and 22nd, final limit Feb. 27th. Fare for round trip from Wilmington $18.00.

I guarantee each article, and the price will suit you, as I am striving to please the public. J. T. Burke, Jeweller.

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A perfect beverage—rich in nitrogenous elements.

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THIS WILL BE A YEAR OF USEFUL GIFTS

According to the prevailing impression, and we have prepared to meet all such requirements of Men in things to wear. They are here in profusion, thousands of useful and good looking articles.

NECKTIES,

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Handkerchiefs, 12 1-2c Up.

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THE A. DAVID CO.

dec 20 tf

COAL, COAL, COAL.

The COAL we are offering at $5.00 per Ton will make, you as good a fire, give you as much heat and do you as much service as Coals offered you at higher prices.

When you pay more you are throwing away the difference.

If warmth is what you want our COAL will give it to you.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

Inter-State Phones 416, 146. Bell Phones 94, 64.

dec 6 tf

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Notices For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

Two young ladies wish to get positions as stenographers. For information apply to the MORNING STAR. dec 23 1t*

Lost—Brown Setter with tag marked "Jacksonville, N. C." Finder will return to 319 North Fourth street, and get reward. A. H. Paddison, Jr. dec 25 1t*

Vann's Cigar Store—Cigars by the box at wholesale prices, packed 12 and 25 in box, especially for the holidays. Nice line of pipes, cigar cases, holders, jars, etc. Lot of new brands just received. See them before buying. dec 23 tf

Wanted—6x8-8 standard pine ties, also cypress ties, two sides hewn. For particulars write B. F. Keith Co. tu th sa dec 22 6t

Wood for sale, car load lots. All kinds of wood. For further information apply to R. C. Applewhite, Cronly, N. C. dec 19 10t

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. H. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. dec 20 tf

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D. Phares & Co. to Mary J. Phares, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. C. Jones. dec 13 1m

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 18 months old. Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Seller, Wilmington, N. C. dec 6 3 mos.

The Only Restaurant, 108 Market street, is the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 12 tf

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 207 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 218 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Offices for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 18 tf

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping paper, for sale at reduced prices, in quantities. Apply at the office of THE MORNING STAR. je 21 tf

Silver Salt.

It's a pleasure to clean Silver, Gold, Cut Glass or anything that shines with

SILVER SALT.

Makes water do the work. Guaranteed positively harmless; 25 cts at

HARDIN'S

Palace Pharmacy,

126 South Front Street.

oc 16 Both 'Phones 55.

Important Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned that all pipe connections with water, gas or sewerage mains on Market street, between Second and Fourth streets, will have to be made at once before paving is done, as no permits for tearing up these streets will be given after said work is finished.

WM. E. SPRINGER,

no 25 6w we fr su Mayor.

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THE JEWELER,

No. 27 South Front Street.

dec 19 1m

To the Merchants of Wilmington and North and South Carolina.

Rush and Excitement of business will be on till after Xmas, and in the rush you may run out of Wrapping Paper and Paper Bags.

Listen! Don't Forget T. H. Thompson, the Paper Man,

Will remain in the city till January 1st, and has long distance 'Phone connection with our Richmond office. And if you will call him up, Bell 'Phone 427, or drop a Postal Card and make your wants and wishes known, you can have goods shipped same day and received in your house in three days

Big stock Raw Hide Paper and forty kinds of Bags on hand for

IMMEDIATE WANTS.

I wish to thank each one of my friends and customers for their patronage the past year and will thank you for a continuance of the same and wish all a merry Xmas and happy New Year.

T. H. THOMPSON,

Bell 'Phone 427. 330 North Seventh Street. dec 18 7t

Notice to the Public.

Notice is hereby given that the ordinance prohibiting shooting fire works in the city will not be enforced during the Holidays, from December 24th, 1903, to January 1st, 1904, inclusive, except that Canton Crackers over two inches in length will be prohibited. No fire works, however, will be allowed west of Front street.

By order of the Mayor.

JOHN J. FURLONG,

dec 24 2t Chief of Police.

NOTICE!

All persons are hereby warned against gathering, collecting or bartering in the bottles of the undersigned companies. The companies will not pay for collecting their own bottles and will not purchase bottles from any person or persons. Any person dealing in or selling any of the bottles belonging to the undersigned will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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HOME BREWING CO.
GOTTLIEB BAUERNSCHMIDT STRAUS BREWING CO.

dec 24 1w

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Sole Agent for the Celebrated Adler Gloves, every pair guaranteed.

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Our line of Suits and Overcoats consists of the Strouse Bros. High Art Clothing, and B. Kuppenheimer & Co.'s guaranteed Clothing. For style, fit and finish they are unsurpassed.

J. M. SOLKY & CO.,

Masonic Temple Building,

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers.

dec 19 tf

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Xmas Suggestions for the Holidays

You cannot afford to spend days and hours in search of Christmas Presents. You will look the city over and find no better assortment or better value than in this Store. In all articles our line is complete and you get your money's worth and prices within the reach of all.

Our Rugs, Carpets, Art Squares and Mattings are Fine.

Attention is called to the assortments of Fancy Goods, Neckwear, Dress Patterns and trimmings to match.

Gloves, Handkerchie's, Umbrellas are the best.

Our Chinaware is something to think of.

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Blankets, Robes, Comforts, Couch Covers, Portiers, Pillow Tops, Sofa Pillows; too numerous to mention.

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Our goods are all substantial for Presents and the best that the market can afford. Make us a visit and judge for yourself. dec 16 tf

Do You Need a Tuxedo Suit for the Holidays?

If so, let us have your order at once.

We have many things to offer our friends and patrons, which would not only make handsome but useful Xmas Presents.

We are showing a swell line of Neckwear.

Have you seen our Dress Suit Protectors, Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

Umbrellas and Canes.

M. H. Curran.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 26, 1903.

THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,
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dec 23 tf

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And have you thought of a bank book of this Institution as a Christmas present? Any sum may be deposited—from 25c upwards, in any name that you may designate. Surely no gift will be more appreciated.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.,

108 Princess Street.

J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President
C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

dec 20 tf

No Business

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Saturday, December 26th.

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WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO.
PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK.

dec 23 tf